

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2011–S2062

Measures Introduced: Thirty-five bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 886–920, S.J. Res. 15, S. Res. 122–127, and S. Con. Res. 9.

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Measures Passed:

Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 590, to award Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson and Dr. Christine Darden, to posthumously award Congressional Gold Medals to Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, and to award a Congressional Gold Medal to honor all of the women who contributed to the success of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the Space Race, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S2061–62**

National Women's History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 125, designating March 2019 as "National Women's History Month". **Page S2062**

Public Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 126, expressing support for the designation of the week of March 25 through March 29, 2019, as "Public Schools Week". **Page S2062**

Contributions of AmeriCorps Members and Alumni: Senate agreed to S. Res. 127, recognizing the contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni to the lives of the people of the United States. **Page S2062**

Measures Considered:

Supplemental Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. **Page S2011**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 28, 2019. **Page S2062**

Nason Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 28, 2019, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Nicole R. Nason, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, that there be 15 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S2061**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2062.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Army, after receiving testimony from Mark T. Esper, Secretary of the Army, and

General Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Elaine Chao, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: LOC AND AOC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, after receiving testimony from Carla D. Hayden, Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress; and Christine Merdon, Acting Architect of the Capitol.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisitions, Vice Admiral William R. Merz, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems, and Lieutenant General David H. Berger, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, all of the Department of Defense.

MILITARY SPACE OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine military space operations, policy, and programs, after receiving testimony from Kenneth P. Rapuano, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Global Security, Lieutenant General David D. Thompson, USAF, Vice Commander, and Lieutenant General John F.

Thompson, USAF, Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, both of the Air Force Space Command, all of the Department of Defense; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

HOUSING REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Chairman's housing reform outline, part II, including S. 603, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to consider alternative approaches before determining that a U.S. nonbank financial company shall be supervised by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after receiving testimony from Michael Bright, Structured Finance Industry Group, Lindsey D. Johnson, U.S. Mortgage Insurers, and Michael D. Calhoun, Center for Responsible Lending, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert D. Broeksmit, Mortgage Bankers Association, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Vince Malta, National Association of Realtors, San Francisco, California; and Carrie Hunt, National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions, Arlington, Virginia.

2020 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee began consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2020, but did not complete action thereon, recessed subject to the call, and will meet again on Thursday, March 28, 2019.

OUR BLUE ECONOMY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine our blue economy, focusing on successes and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant, Jackson; Michael J. Conathan, The Aspen Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Scott Deal, Maverick Boat Group, Fort Pierce, Florida.

THE STATE OF AIRLINE SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation and Space concluded a hearing to examine the state of airline safety, focusing on Federal oversight of commercial aviation, after receiving testimony from Daniel K. Elwell, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Robert L. Sumwalt, III, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, and Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General, all of the Department of Transportation.

COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan, after receiving testimony from Brenda Burman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Thomas Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Phoenix; John J. Entsminger, General Manager, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas; and Patrick Tyrrell, Wyoming State Engineer, Cheyenne.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert A. Destro, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, who was introduced by Senator Cassidy, Keith Krach, of California, to be an Under Secretary (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment), to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, who was introduced by Senators Portman and Young, and David Stilwell, of Hawaii,

to be an Assistant Secretary (East Asian and Pacific Affairs), all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Smithsonian Institution, after receiving testimony from David J. Skorton, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 771, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors;

S. 772, to require an annual report on the cybersecurity of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 862, to repeal the sunset for collateral requirements for Small Business Administration disaster loans; and

The nomination of David Christian Tryon, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 9, 1895–1940; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 27–28; and H. Res. 257–263, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1585, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–21, Part 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Costa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:14 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Paycheck Fairness Act: The House passed H.R. 7, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to

provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 134.

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Rejected the Foxx motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 133.

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Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–8, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–19, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill.

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